

### Amendments to the Abstract

Replace the abstract with the following replacement abstract:

~~Presented is a~~ A bottoming device ~~of the for~~ cross bottom sacks[[,]] ~~which are built~~ constructed from tube segments[[.]] ~~In the bottoming device,~~ is configured such that the sacks pass through different processing stations. During the transport through the bottoming device, the axis of the tube segments is oriented horizontally and orthogonal to the direction of ~~conveyance~~ transport of the tube segments. The device has a gluing station in which paired sets of glue transfer rollers and counterpressure rollers are offset from one another in order to accommodate the counterpressure roller size that is needed to effect the desired contact pressure during the gluing operation.

~~What is regarded as new and inventive is that the~~ The device ~~according to the invention enables further~~ provides for a reduction ~~of~~ in the mean sack bottom size, yet without excessively reducing the diameter of the counterpressure rollers ~~too much~~.

~~(Figure 3)~~

For the examiner's convenience, a clean text version of the replacement abstract (114 words) is presented below:

A bottoming device for cross bottom sacks constructed from tube segments is configured such that the sacks pass through different processing stations. During the transport through the bottoming device, the axis of the tube segments is oriented horizontally and orthogonal to the direction of transport of the tube segments. The device has a gluing station in which paired sets of glue transfer rollers and counterpressure rollers are offset from one another in order to accommodate the counterpressure roller size that is needed to effect the desired contact pressure during the gluing operation. The device provides for a reduction in the mean sack bottom size, yet without excessively reducing the diameter of the counterpressure rollers.